Welcome everyone to Term 4. It has been a while since we last communicated via our newsletter. Week 5 of this term will be a busy week where processes are set in place for 2016. Reflecting back on term 3 we I can say that we had some exciting events which I would like to highlight in this newsletter.

**Year 12 Graduation, Concert and Farewell Assembly**
Congratulations to year 12 students. They celebrated their last week at AGHS in an appropriate manner. They made us proud of their achievements in the graduation, entertained us with an excellent concert and endorsed our strong school culture during the farewell assembly. Girls thank you for your acknowledgements and we are looking to celebrate your future success with you. We look forward to joining you at your formal and morning tea in December.

Thank you to the Hospitality Team for their exceptional service.

**TAS Display.** This was an impressive textile show where the girls had the opportunity to show their skill and talents in addressing the industry’s vocational requirements. It was wonderful to share the evening with participating guests from Asquith Boys’ High School.

**The HSC Examinations presented no problems for our students.** Wonderful to see our girls well prepared for their examinations. This shows diligent and reflective guidance in order to prepare them for this important milestone of their educational journey. I personally would like to acknowledge the hard work of all staff that ensured that girls were given every opportunity to achieve their best in these examinations.

Elizabeth Amvrazis
Principal

### Important Calendar Dates

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Year 12 Graduation and Farewell 2015

On September 16th, 2015 our lovely Year 12 students graduated after six years at Asquith Girls High School. In front of their relatives, friends and teachers each Year 12 proudly stepped onto the Asquith stage to receive their Graduation Certificates and awards for academic and community achievement. The ceremony was enhanced by a fabulous musical item from the Year 12 music class. Speeches reminisced about the journey of the year group through activities such as Year 7, 9 and 11 camps, Jenolan Caves, Leadership initiatives and Splashathon which contributed towards their development as a year group in unity, resilience, tolerance and empathy towards others, culminating in a distinct maturity throughout the year group that the school community is most proud of. An enormous thank you is due to the Hospitality Crew of Year 11 students and the TAS staff who produced an impressive high tea of delicious treats which was served in style as the Graduating students and guests mingled to celebrate this wonderful achievement.

The following day, September 17th was a much less formal occasion—the Year 12 Concert and Farewell Assembly. Again the audience was impressed by the talent, wit and humour of our Year 12s during the Concert, as they gently lampooned their peers and teachers. Not only did they strike the right balance of fun, many staff members commented on how the students were able to show off their staging and writing skills. Each student contributed through dance, drama and music with some humorous portrayals reflecting on their years at AGHS. We thank them wholeheartedly for this.
The Farewell saw us say a final goodbye to our girls—and I would personally like to thank the Principal Mrs Amvrazis, our Year 12 Deputy Mr Robinson, the Year 7-11 student representatives who shared their loving thoughts on Year 12, and of course a big thank you goes out to Ms Lowe for all her support and hardwork. The Final Assembly was flavoured with some heartfelt speeches by the Captains Michelle Carroll, Tess Boyle and Millie Ambrose amidst a flood of tears and well wishes. An arch to the back gate of the whole school from students in Years 7 – 11 and teachers highlighted to the students just how much they will be missed.

Reflecting on the last six years I have experienced with these extraordinary young women I would like to say thank you for the opportunity and the love, for the honour of knowing and supporting these worthy young people. In all honesty, it has been the most fulfilling duty I have had the pleasure to carry out. Congratulations to our dear Year 12 on finishing six years of study, and working determinedly to achieve their personal bests in the HSC. We wish them the best for now and always.

Next we have the formal on Thursday 12th November at Miramare Gardens in Terrey Hills which will be a fun night of celebrations for the end of the HSC exams. We look forward to hearing of their successes in the HSC as results are published on Wednesday 16th December. A special morning tea to acknowledge all their efforts is planned for Thursday 17th December at 10.30am in the Anzac garden. This will be one final catch up before our fine young women of Asquith move on to many exciting opportunities that are waiting them.

Heliya Ebrahimi
Year 12 Year Adviser

DEBATING SUCCESS IN 2015!

This year has been a momentous one for the Asquith Girls High debating teams in the Premier’s Debating Challenge! The Year 9 and 10 teams defeated Cherrybrook Technology in the Zone division, giving them the title of Zone winners. They continued through to Zone knockout and Quarter Finals, where they were eventually defeated by North Sydney Boys. What a wonderful effort!

Our Year 8 debating team have been victorious in every round so far, defeating Normanhurst Boys, Forest High, Cheltenham Girls and Hornsby Girls. They are now through to the Semi-Finals against Manly Selective. Congratulations girls and all the best for the rest of the competition.

Ms Horler – Debating Coordinator
Mr Oliver – Debating Assistant
SCIENCE FACULTY NEWS

Introducing Mr Devonshire Head Teacher Science

After two terms of ‘settling in’ to the Asquith way I feel it is a good time to introduce myself to the community. I have been in the teaching profession since 1995 (prior to that I worked in management at BHP). My first appointment, as a targeted graduate, was to Merewether Academic Selective HS where I became very familiar with the needs of GATS students. I then moved to Erina HS as HT Science and worked with science staff to make significant improvement to student outcomes. Over that period I spent a significant time as a senior marker for HSC Biology.

My life journey then took a dramatic turn and I pursued a career in international teaching, becoming knowledgeable in a variety of curriculums. In Saudi Arabia I worked with a team of exceptional educators to set up an international school. In northern China I led a team of international and local teachers to have the International Baccalaureate accredited in a large Chinese national school. For last the last 3 years I have worked in Bali International School and introduced the new Australian Science curriculum into the K-10 areas of the school. I have extensive teaching experience in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

I hope to work with the AGHS science team to transform science into a subject loved by students where high expectations are met with personal bests.

On a whole school level I am already enjoying working collaboratively with the senior executive and executive to make significant positive change to education at AGHS.

Please feel free to contact me at school with enquiries, suggestions or just to touch base.

VALID8

The Department of Education has introduced a new online assessment examination for year 8 students in NSW. The examination, called VALID8 Science, will be administered in class on Wednesday 11th November periods 1-4. The examination is 80 minutes duration and requires all students to access the examination online with the additional requirement of headphones or ear buds to listen to audio components.

An email has already been sent home to all year 8 parents and students with more details, including BYOD requirements.

Year 8 students have already successfully practiced the examination online to ensure all IT requirements went smoothly. Any enquires about the examination should be directed to the HT Science, Mr Devonshire.

Science Expo

Clear your diaries for the afternoon and evening of Wednesday 18th November 2015. The wonderful tradition of the AGHS Science faculty Science Expo is fast approaching. Students and teachers are working together to gather samples of best work to showcase Science at AGHS. We are asking that all students consider what they can showcase to our community for this event.

Parents and friends of the community are invited to come along, browse exhibitions and ask questions from our budding scientists. Watch for the date and time on the School electronic sign.

Parents/carers do you have a passion for Science and would like to be involved at the Science Expo as a judge?

Any enquires regarding this event should be directed to science teacher Miss Fang, the event coordinator.
Safety in the Science Lab

Please assist us keeping your daughter safe by ensuring that they have access to the correct footwear whilst at school. Fully enclosed leather shoes are a NSW WH&S requirement that needs to be followed to keep all students safe in the lab.

P & C NEWS

I would like to thank Michael Ficker for the many years that he has served as the P&C President. It will certainly be very difficult to find anyone who is as dedicated to the organisation as him. Perhaps this is the reason that we have not yet found his replacement.

However I can assure you that it is safe to attend the meeting without any obligation to take up a post. Although we have not yet found a new president, we do have quite a few fresh new faces among the executive I am confident that these techsavvy members have a lot to offer the school. Whoever does take on the role will have a great time and will receive a lot of help. So until then I have agreed to stay on. Though having a student at the school make the task a bit easier and my youngest daughter has just finished her HSC 😊

The next P&C meeting is 7.30pm Wednesday November 11th 2015, in the staff common room (see the P&C website for directions (www.aghspandc.org.au/meetings.aspx)

As already mentioned we have some new computer proficient members and in future are hoping to deliver more P&C and education related information via our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/AGHSPandC So if you haven’t already done so please “Like” it.

Jonathan Crowther
P&C Vice President

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Website: www.AGHSPandC.org.au
Facebook: www.facebook.com/AGHSPandC
We welcome Ms Katie Ure who is replacing Ms Graves-Brown. Ms Graves-Brown has secured a position elsewhere and we wish her well.

Ms Ure has already established a Manga/Anime Club which meets every Tuesday at lunchtime in Portable 7. All students are welcome to attend and participate in Manga and Anime related activities including film viewings and reading of Manga books. Feel free to drop in!

As we are approaching the end of the year, all students are encouraged to return their English books to the library as soon as possible. Exiting Year 12 students need to return their prescribed texts as soon as possible so that the new Year 12 students can borrow them.

Congratulations to the following students who won their respective finals in the Spelling Bee at the end of last term.
Winners- Mansi Sharma, Aayushma Lohani, Erin Brenagh, Joanne Lee
Runners up- Sharona Gourdarzi, Khushee Gupta, Kateland Dove, Simran Paul

Congratulations also to the students who won the Great Amazing Literacy and Numeracy Race!
Stage 5 team- Joanne Lee, Britney Lee Sun, Tania Koeferl, Nherrie Pillay
Stage 4 team- Faith Andrews, Narisa Du Toit, Kiana Behrady, Uma Van Egmond-Jones

Our faculty would also like to further congratulate Ms Horler, Mr Oliver and their debating teams for their huge success in all competitions this year. Please see Ms Horler’s debating report for further information.

Our faculty continues to try our hardest to provide the highest quality teaching and learning opportunities for our students. However, there may be times when you need to discuss your child’s progress further. If you have any questions about your child’s learning in English, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school or via email.

Luke Fulwood
Head Teacher (English)
luke.fulwood@det.nsw.edu.au
Under 15’s NETBALL KNOCK OUT

On Friday 30 October the under 15’s Netball Knock Out team travelled to Gosford to complete in the 3rd round of the knockout.

The first round was against Lisarow High school and unfortunately Lisarow had to forfeit the match. The second round was against Narrabeen Sports High and they too had to forfeit the match.

The girls played a gripping game against Erina high school and won the match 30-8. The girls played a fantastic game and should be very proud of their awesome results.

The team consisted of Charley Clements, Georgia Clements, Alannah Voss, Sasha Deffert, Natalie Albace, Abby Smith, Chloe Gaica, Emily Bryant, Lucy Grimshaw, Mary Kate Whittemore and Molly Rose McArthur.

The team used the game as a practice for New Zealand as most of the team will be representing AGHS in New Zealand next year in April for the International Netball Tour.

A big thank you to Briahna Duke who was the umpire for the day.

Well done girls a GREAT result!
FRENCH EXCURSION

On Friday the 9th of October, Year 8 French classes had an excursion to “Le Petit Escargot” near Darling Harbour. On this excursion we ate an authentic French three course meal with dishes such as crème caramel, mousse au chocolat and escargot (snails) in a beautiful restaurant with a great view. We enjoyed putting our French speaking skills to the test and of course, the food was wonderful. We all appreciated a pleasant day out of school in the city and would like to thank all of our wonderful French teachers for organising this great excursion.

Amy Condren and Jess Clarke

PASS SKI CAMP

Last term Year 9 and 10 ‘PASS’ classes got the privilege to go on Ski Camp, assisted along the way with Ms Horne, Ms Overhall, Ms Amor, Mr Barker and Mr Fulwood. We left on Sunday the 6th September Week 9 Term 3 at 9am and arrived back at school at approximately 9.45pm on Friday 11th. The drive up was long and tiring, but when we arrived at Jindabyne everyone was excited to see the snow, which wasn’t very visible.

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From our first steps onto the snow to our last, people were falling over left right and centre. I accidentally volunteered to fall over first while attempting a snowball ambush. We had some of the funniest fails and at times it felt like we were on a live show for funniest home videos. Awards were handed out every night for our clumsiness and our improvement.

Girls being girls, when a table of attractive Canadian guys were spotted there was no time for skiing, just time to take photos. Later, we realised that the table of hot Canadians were actually professional snowboarders making a Red Bull advertisement and one of them had represented Canada in the Olympics. The skills we learnt over the week really helped us all to become professionals at taking on the slopes and we now have the confidence to come back and do it again. Each and every one of us shifted out of our comfort zones to make the experience more exciting and enjoyable. If you ask anyone that went on this camp you would come to realise that they have the same attitude as I do. Which is ‘This was the best camp ever!’

On behalf of year 9 and 10 PASS, I’d like to thank Ms Horne for all her hard work organising the whole camp and leaving her family for a week to look after 50 young girls. I’d also like to thank all the other teachers that assisted her, as they had to leave their families also. This was no doubt the best camp I have ever been to and I will always look back and remember the funny, adventurous and thrilling time I had with some of my greatest friends. I highly recommend the future years to pick PASS as an elective, so you can have as much fun as I did and make stronger friendships.

The annual TAS Display was a great success once again! Students enjoyed showing their family and friends the results of their hard work throughout the year. The interactive stalls were a big hit again this year, as was the fabulous food served by our talented Hospitality team. Asquith Boys High sent over a team of year 8 boys to model their well made boxer shorts along with our year 8 girls. The HSC major projects for Design & Technology and Textile & Design were of an exceptional quality and were an inspiration for the junior girls.
The Asquith Girls High School Annual Art Exhibition returns again to celebrate the amazing artistic achievements reached in 2015. The exhibition will showcase works from years 7 – 11 Visual Arts, 9-10 Photography and Digital Imaging, Year 11 Photography, Video and Digital Imaging as well as the works completed by the class of 2015 HSC. The Opening Night of the AGHS Annual Visual Arts Exhibition is Wednesday 25th of November 2015 at the School Hall commencing at 7pm with award presentation at 7:30pm. Please join us as we celebrate the fantastic creative achievements from 2015.

The Exhibition will be open:
- Wednesday 25th November – 10am-2pm
- Wednesday 25th November – 7pm (Opening Night)
- Thursday 26th November – 10am - 2pm
On the 14th of September the year 11 Sports Lifestyle and Recreation class went on a two day camp to Port Stephens.

On route, to Port Stephens we stopped at Gosford Flip Out to spend an hour on the trampolines. During this hour, we played dodge ball, tip and completed impressive long jumps into the foam pit. We were also given entertainment consisting Shona taking out Ms Horne. We had lunch afterwards at McDonalds where we met up with Ms Bate.

After 1 hour and 15 minutes of travelling up the coast we finally reached our destination ‘The Resort’. We were quick to unpack and explore the park, which resulted in a swing, never ending sand dunes and photos. Throughout the night there was a sing off with a neighbouring music class, Lily and Shona entertained us with their dancing skills, we played table tennis, pool and cards. Our accommodation was great except for the terror of an underground laundry that Ms Horne explored before bedtime to make us feel safe.

The next morning we got up at 5am to watch the sunrise over the sand dunes. We headed back to ‘The Resort’ and Ms Horne had pancakes, eggs, fruit and more ready for breakfast.
Then we departed for Tandem Parasailing. It was awesome and no one was eaten by the lurking shadows in the water below the parachute. After parasailing we had milkshakes and lunch and then headed to sand boarding. The 4WD bus trip there was fun, but sand boarding was excellent. We all went to the steepest, highest point and filmed each other’s successes and failures. Camel riding along the beach was next. This was quite relaxing as we walked single file along the beach and even went in the water with our camels.

Overall we had SO MUCH FUN! We hope that other students can experience this SLR camp in the future.

Thank you Ms Horne, Ms Bate and Ms Williams for joining in on all the activities and making the camp a fun and memorable adventure.

From:
The Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation Class
GLOBAL DIGNITY DAY

On the 23rd of October we were lucky enough to be chosen to attend the Global Dignity day event at the Parliament of NSW accompanied by Ms Ebrahimi. Global dignity day was created in order to engage young people in discussions about the concept of dignity and human rights and for them to share their own stories about dignity.

We arrived at NSW parliament house at 9am were we were given pamphlets and name tags before entering a lecture room. We were then spoken to by the former Justice of the High Court, Michael Kirby. He talked about the evolution of the recognition of dignity through human rights in Australian history referencing Indigenous rights and Women’s rights in gaining equal opportunity. He also spoke about his time on the High Court of Australia and his own experiences of being afforded indignity as a young gay man in the 1950s and 1960s.

We were then split up into groups of ten schools to have a more personal discussion of the idea of dignity and the five dignity principles:

1. Every human being has the right to lead a dignified life
2. A dignified life means having the opportunity to fulfil one’s potential, which requires and adequate level of health care, education, income and security.
3. Dignity means having the freedom to make the decisions governing one’s own life, and to have this right respected by others.
4. Dignity should be the basic guiding principle for all actions
5. Ultimately, our own dignity is interdependent with the dignity of others.

We then groups back together in the lecture room where students were encouraged to share their own stories of dignity. These stories both represented the positive examples of dignity through acts of kindness, the reflection of past indignity and how individuals have grown from that experience and the negative stories involving people losing their dignity or having it taken from them by others.

Overall this day was extremely inspiring as we were able to hear stories from students all over Sydney who all had very different experiences with dignity. We would like to thank Ms Jelfs and Ms Ebrahimi for giving us this wonderful opportunity.

Selina & Laura from Year 10
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL GOALBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Goalball is a sport for vision impaired and blind athletes. It involves teams of up to 6 playing on a volleyball sized court. Only three players from each side play at a time. All players are blindfolded, and the ball has bells in it so players can hear it. The players use the tactile lines on the court to orientate themselves. They dive on their sides to block the ball thrown by the opposite team to stop it going into the goal behind them, which is the width of the court. To return the ball back to the other team, players are to bowl the ball, sort of like ten pin bowling, underarm. It is a very fast paced game, and has two 12 minute halves. With many penalties and rules involved, it is a strategic game that requires quick thinking and constant team communication.

In the holidays, Jessica Clark of Year 12 (2016) captained the NSW Mixed Youth Goalball team to victory at the Australian National Goalball Championships, in Ipswich, QLD. Jess and her team played against other Australian states, and won the finals against WA with a final score of 8-7, coming home with a gold medal. This was Jess’ 5th National Championships, her first being in Sydney 2011. After 4½ years of playing Goalball competitively, Jessica is now aiming for the 2020 Paralympics in Tokyo. Jess is also part of the Goalball team representing NSW at the Pacific School Games being held in Adelaide in November.
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Between the 2 and 4\textsuperscript{th} of October The year 10 AGHS team consisting of

\textit{Teigan Gleave  
Erin Yelland  
Hannah Kenyon  
Kate Johnstone}

Participated in the 3 day national finals of the Hillary Challenge at Camp Jungai In Victoria.
The Hillary challenge is an outdoor multisport adventure endurance race requiring participants to demonstrate leadership and team skills, environment stewardship, personal resilience and physical endurance through a series of complex physical and problem solving tasks.

The team reached the national finals after selection through their participation in the NSW state event in July.

The team achieved 2458 out of a possible 3500 point total. On the first day of the event teams completed a number of tasks. The team was required to conduct tasks that tested their ability to communicate by finding materials, building structures whilst being blindfolded and limited in their use of verbal communication. They were also required to prepare and present on a particular environmental subject that evening. The second day saw teams complete a multi-sport event consisting of 3 legs including a 10k run, 21km cycle and a canoe tasks with an evening orienteering type event. During the final day of the event participants were required to navigate on foot around a gruelling 10km circuit completing further challenges.

The teams of AGHS students conducted themselves well although they didn’t place however they are to be commended on their outstanding representation of the school in such a unique event. Well done girls!

\textbf{DIAMOND LEAGUE GIRLS FOOTBALL}

On Sunday 18\textsuperscript{th} of October \textit{Aimee Gallaway} of Year 7 played in the grand final game of the Champions of Champions soccer tournament with her team from Hornsby Heights club. They were victorious over Camden 2-0 making the team the best under 12 girls team in NSW. This was a massive achievement and has set the foundations for a very strong team next year. The team next year will also benefit Asquith Girls High School as the core group of players will be coming to Asquith next year.

The Hornsby Heights girls have had a remarkable season, winning their premiership, the gala day cup and the Kanga Cup tournament in Canberra. They were runners up in State Cup after a penalty shootout, and bringing home the Champions of Champions trophy was an amazing way to finish the season.

Well done Aimee and Well done to all the girls in the team
AGHS participated in the Invitational Water Polo competition at Barker College this term. The team consisted of Aimee Gallaway (Captain), Rebecca Rogers, Emma Liddelow, Annabelle Rogers, Lily Perry, Rachel Simms, Hannah Jeppeson, Lily Wilson, Trisha Sulima and Tiegan Gleave.

The competition got off to a rocky start with a lot of teams from various schools pulling out of the competition. The AGHS team lost their first game to Barker College 9-2. The girls played well and never gave up. Their next game was against Barker 2 and the girls won this 4-2. The third game the girls smashed Barker College 12-2, and the final game against Barker 2 was 8-2. The girls have been invited to play again next year in the First division.

Ms Overhall and the water-polo team would like to thank Sharyn Gallaway for her time and effort in Coaching and Managing the team. It was greatly appreciated. Thank you to Aimee Gallaway for her motivation of the team and being the Captain. Thank you also to all the parents that attended and made sure that the girls were able to get to and from the venue every week.

A great result from a fantastic group of girls. WELL DONE Girls.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Shamal Deolekar in Year 11 Business Studies submitted an entry to the “Plan Your Own Enterprise” competition run by the Economic and Business Educators and CPA Australia this year and was selected amongst ten finalists from nearly 350 entries in NSW for her outstanding submission. The high quality of the business plan she created for her “Delamash” Café idea put her in the company of other finalists from schools including Hornsby Girls High School, Loreto Normanhurst, Masada College, Sydney Girls High School, Sydney Boys High School, MLC Sydney, Rose Bay Secondary College and Hurlstone Agricultural High School. The announcement of the final winner took place at a presentation night at CPA Australia in Sydney on 7 October which Shamal, her Father and I attended. While Shamal was not lucky enough to take out the big prize, the agreement amongst the competition officials and business leaders there on the night was that all of the finalists were indeed winners who were all likely to become successful business leaders of the future. Congratulations to Shamal for an outstanding achievement and for taking Asquith Girls High to such a prestigious stage. Mr Lewis
YOU’RE A PARENT NOT A MATE – MUMS AND DADS PUT ON NOTICE

The Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Community Drug Action Team (CDAT) is taking a stand and calling on mums, dads and caregivers to “be a parent not a mate” as evidence reveals parents are one of the main suppliers of alcohol to minors.

The Stop the Supply campaign will run through the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai region from 7-28 December. The campaign will include social media, posters, roadside banners and advertising on North Shore trains. It reminds parents and coaches and other adults that it’s not okay to buy alcohol for underage young people.

The most recent National Drug Strategy Household Survey showed almost a third of minors are getting their alcohol from their parents while older siblings and friends are also enabling minors to drink or get drunk.

A child’s brain is still developing until their mid-20s and evidence shows the earlier they’re introduced to alcohol the more likely they are to develop an alcohol-dependency. There is absolutely no safe amount of alcohol you can give a child.

“Stop the Supply” highlights the critical role parents play in ensuring their children are protected. If a person is caught supplying alcohol to a minor by anyone else other than the parent or guardian it will result in a minimum on the spot fine of $1,100, and can attract a maximum penalty of $11,000 and/or 12 months imprisonment (NSW Liquor Act 2007).

For more information on Stop the Supply Campaign go to www.stopthesupply.org.au. For more information about drug action teams or to find a Community Drug Action Team in your area visit www.adf.org.au/cdat
Australian Passport changes for 16 & 17 year olds

Recent amendments to the Australian Government’s legislation on passports include some important changes that will affect 16 and 17 year old passport applicants.

From 1 January 2016, child applicants aged 16 or 17 will be issued with a 10-year passport instead of the five-year passport currently issued to children under 18.

Parental consent will still be required when persons aged 16 or 17 apply for a passport.

Applicants aged 16 and 17 will need to accompany their parent or a person with parental responsibility when lodging the passport application.

The application fee for 16 and 17 year olds will be the same as for adults, reflecting the longer validity of the passport to be issued.

More information is available on www.passports.gov.au

Any questions can be directed to the Australian Passport Information Service (APIS) on 131 232.
ABHS & AGHS
P&C FUNDRAISER
FAMILY PORTRAIT
SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER
3-7 PM

Asquith Boys High School P&C is organising this event together with Asquith Girls High School.

- Contact Linda (0408 263 251) to book a time slot and for payment info
- $20 per family
- outdoor setting is near the Asquith Boys hall
- pets are welcome

See the following pages for further details, contact and booking forms.
2nd November, 2015

Dear Parents & Carers

As young people approach driving age it is important they and their parents/carers are aware of what is ahead as a Learner driver and how they achieve the 120 supervised driving hours in their logbook.

In conjunction with the Roads and Maritime Service (RMS), Hornsby Shire Council is holding a free two-hour presentation on the evening of Tuesday 17th November 2015 at the Hornsby Shire Council Chambers Building. This presentation offers practical advice and information to parents/carers and supervisors on how to help Learner drivers become safer drivers. The presentation will provide information about:

- Understanding the Graduated Licensing Scheme and the current laws of L and P licence holders.
- Completing the Learner driver log book.
- Understanding the benefits of supervised on-road driving experience.
- Supervising Learner drivers.
- Young Driver Issues.
- The Safer Drivers Course.

The presentation details are as follows:

Date: Tuesday 17th November, 2015
Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Location: Hornsby Shire Council Chambers Building
Address: 296 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby.
Cost: FREE
To book a place: Phone Council’s Road Safety Officer, Lesley Tipping on 9847 6656

Please note that bookings are essential as places are limited.

If you require further information regarding this presentation please contact Council’s Road Safety Officer, Lesley via email at hornsv@hornsby.nsw.gov.au or directly on 9847 6656.

Thank you.
Teaching someone to drive can be a happy experience.

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a FREE two hour workshop.

The next workshop in your area will be held:

TIME and DATE:  
6.30pm to 8.30pm  
Tuesday  
17 November 2015

VENUE:  
Hornsby Shire Council  
Chambers Building  
296 Peats Ferry Road,  
Hornsby

BOOK NOW ON:  
(02) 9847 6856  
Bookings Essential

Helping learner drivers become safe drivers
WHOOPING COUGH INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night. Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.

If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.
Sports Camps Australia

SCA/Aquabliss Junior Swimming Camps - Sydney

Aquabliss North Sydney
Camp Director: Gina Sacklott
Dates: 11-12 January 2016
Location: Waverley School, North Sydney
Times: 9am-3pm
Cost: $200 (1 day option available)

Aquabliss Normanhurst
Camp Director: James Hamit
Dates: 13-14 January 2016
Location: Lornet Normanhurst Girls School
Times: 9am-3pm
Cost: $200 (1 day option available)

Aquabliss Normanhurst
Camp Director: Hayne Belshaw
Dates: 22-23 January 2016
Location: Lornet Normanhurst Girls School
Times: 9am-3pm
Cost: $200 (1 day option available)

These camps cater for boys and girls aged 9-15 years with intermediate to advanced swimming ability.

Sibling discount available for these camps, please contact SCA Head Office to book!

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